

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

A KANSAS CLOUD BURST.

It Drops Down on Atchison with Considerable Disastrous Results.

The Creek that Divides the City a Swollen Torrent.

Many Houses Swept Away--Many People Homeless.

Great Damage to Merchants' and Factors' Goods.

Dallas, Tex., Visited by Tempest, Thunder and Flood.

Both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts Feeling the Effects of Spring's Spurge.

A WATERPOUT

DROPS DOWN ON ATCHISON, KS. ATCHISON, Ka., April 18.—A fearful rain fell in this section to-night. Old inhabitants say such a storm was never before known in Kansas. It began at 7:30, and for nearly an hour came down in floods, accompanied by fierce thunder and lightning. The streets of the city are running streams from curb to curb. In fifteen minutes the storm resembled a mill dam. Several houses were struck by lightning and set on fire. The creeks were beyond their banks in a few minutes. White Clay creek, which flows through the city's center, was a raging torrent.

FORTY FEET DEEP, spreading in some places 300 yards wide. The stream has never been known to rise to such a height before. Dwellings which stood high above the greatest flood were surrounded by water and in many cases caught in the current and carried down the stream. The water for a short time rose two and three feet a minute. The occupants of houses on low grounds fled for safety, abandoning their household goods to be swept away. Numerous highway bridges have gone; many more are damaged. So far as reported the railroads do not suffer. Merchants and farmers have lost heavily. The water has carried away many of their crops. The water has carried away many of their crops. The water has carried away many of their crops.

THE GREAT FLOOD

in White Clay creek was no doubt caused by a water spout which evidently broke west of the city. Many narrow escapes were reported, but no loss of life. At this writing the damage to property cannot now be estimated, but will certainly be many thousand dollars. Dispatches from Champion, from Greenleaf 100 miles west, and from Ellingham 17 miles west, state there was no storm in either of those localities.

WIND AND WET.

TERRIBLE STORM IN TEXAS.

DALLAS, April 18.—This morning's special, Dallas: About 9:30 this morning a terrible wind and rain storm was experienced here, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The colored church building on the corner of Juliet and Ball streets was struck, the wind completely demolishing it. It was occupied as a colored school, and at the time there were thirty-two pupils in the building. Ten pupils were injured, two fatally. The school was taught by Mrs. Clarissa Williams, colored, who miraculously escaped. Noticing the heavy wind, and realizing the necessity of securing the building, she dismissed the school, but before the children got out a wing of the building fell with a crash. Part of the church was blown off three years ago. A residence was struck by lightning but extinguished. Shade trees and fences in different portions of the city were blown down. Otherwise the city is uninjured.

FLOODS IN ARKANSAS.

TEXARKANA, Ark., April 18.—The heaviest rains of the season fell in the last 24 hours. Wash-outs are reported on all parts of the roads.

THE FLOODS.

NEW ENGLAND BEING VISITED.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Reports of heavy rains and floods continue to come in from Maine and New Hampshire. The high water has caused a suspension of work in many mills, and is threatening the bridges and dams. At Milwaukie, Me., the water has risen a foot since yesterday, and it is feared the logs will break loose. In that case great damage will be done to property at Lacombe. N. H. Lake Winnepesaukee is rising an inch an hour. The dam has started to move; if it breaks many houses will be carried down the river.

A CITY IN DANGER.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 18.—It is feared the dam at North Pond will give way. The pond contains 500,000,000 gallons of water about seven feet above the level of the city. Should the water break away the consequences would be disastrous.

THE SAGO AND ST. CROIX.

BOSTON, April 18.—New Hampshire and Maine towns report floods on hand and on the Saco. The Saco river is higher than since 1870, and rains. At Union, on the St. Croix river, the New Brunswick pier and two spans of a bridge have fallen. The wreck is tied to the bank to prevent being dashed against the mills.

IN CALIFORNIA.

LATHROP, Cal., April 18.—The levee broke early this morning and the San Joaquin river is spreading rapidly. If the break cannot be repaired, 10,000 acres of wheat will be destroyed.

Another Innocent Gone Up.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., April 18.—The execution of Theodore Hoffman, for the murder of Seif Marks, the Jewish peddler, attracted a large crowd to-day, but only a few were permitted to see the execution. Hoffman slept soundly last night, and during the morning. As the hour of execution approached he began to grow nervous. When his spiritual adviser arrived he seemed to derive some consolation. The condemned man walked

to the gallows with the minister, prayer was said and the noose adjusted. The rope was cut at 7:12 a. m. There was scarcely a struggle. A slight tremor of the legs took place, but there were no contortions of the body. He protested his innocence to the last, but left a letter to be opened after the execution which is thought to contain a confession.

The letter left by Hoffman was addressed to the sheriff; it contains the following: "It is of no use to think I would make a confession for I have none to make. It is no use for me to speak to you of the duty and of that you needn't be ashamed. Time will tell you all and there will be no one to say that I have done them wrong." It closes with a request that things he had left in his cell be delivered to his parents.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

An Otse County Farmer's People-in-Law Kidnap His Entire Family--The Electric Light.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. LINCOLN, April 18.—A farmer named N. D. Saylor, residing five miles north of Palmyra, Otse county, arrived here to-day in search of his five children, who had been taken away from his home this morning in a rather peculiar manner. While working in the field Saylor was informed by his neighbors that something was wrong at his house. On going there he found that his wife, her mother, his five children, the oldest aged 11, and his wife's brother, named Frank Walker, had left for parts unknown. Saylor mounted a horse and followed the only wagon track on the road, and after a time overtook the party in a covered spring wagon, headed for Lincoln. On stopping, they demanded his children, but was answered very forcibly by Walker, who presented a revolver, and at the same time assaulted Saylor. The latter came to this city and took legal advice, the result of which was the issuing of a writ of habeas corpus for the possession of the children. A thorough search of the city was made to-night and the baggage of the party was found at Henry H. Hildner's hotel, but the children and their custodians were not to be seen. The heavy rain and wind storm suspended the search until after midnight, but the entire police force is now on the alert and are bound to have that full hand of children and grand-mother before morning.

WHERE PRESIDENTS ARE MADE.

The Exposition Building at Chicago--How It is Being Remodeled.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE BEE. CHICAGO, Ill., April 18.—The work of remodeling the interior of the exposition building for the musical May festival, which opens May 27, and for the republican and democratic national convention, to occur on June 24 and July 24th, respectively, was commenced last Monday and is progressing rapidly. An acre and three-quarters of the exposition building's floor will be utilized, which gives a length of 400 feet, a little more than half the extent of the structure. The refitting will cost in the vicinity of \$14,000. An army of men are already engaged in preparing for the great events of this summer. The work will be finished in a finer manner than ever in the past, and the calculation is to make the hall as comfortable as the auditorium of any theatre. Including galleries, there will be a capacity for 4,000 people. This is as large as any room can be built to retain the proper acoustic properties.

SLAUGHTERED BY SLIDES.

A Number of Avalanches in the Vicinity of Denver--An Engine Upset and the Engineer Killed.

DENVER, Col., April 18.—Since the snow began melting in the mountains, snow and rock slides of greater or less magnitude are of almost daily occurrence. Early this morning a large boulder fell on a bridge across the Gunnison, near the mouth of the Cimarron, and smashed it down. In addition to this, there were half a dozen small slides to-day between Durango and Leadville, in the regular west bound passenger train went as far as the first of these slides, and was waiting for workmen to clear the track, when another slide came down, striking the engine, turning it over, instantly killing the engineer, Arthur Bratt, and slightly injuring the fireman, Frank Martinez.

Indian Troubles in British America.

WINNEPEG, April 18.—It is feared another Indian outbreak has occurred in the northwest territories, from the following dispatch received here to-day: "At noon on the 16th Battle Ford reported 2,000 Indians there and more coming. The operator there left the office and can't be raised since. A later dispatch states that J. Macdonald is the operator at Battle Ford, and it is known that any other cause than the presence of Indians caused him to leave his post of duty. It is thought if the Indians become hostile their first act would be to burn the telegraph office and destroy the wire. The nearest telegraph office to Battle Ford is about 100 miles distant."

A France-Bound Steamer Ablaze.

BALEARENES, April 19.—The steamer Dunhuohue, from Cartagena, reported she put into Bermuda for coal on the 12th inst. The steamer Marselles, New Orleans for Havre, with a cargo of cotton and grain, put in the same day with the cotton in two compartments on fire. The upper deck fire was extinguished, but the cotton was still burning in the lower hold when the Dunhuohue left, and it was thought that the entire cargo would have to be taken out to insure safety before continuing the voyage. The Marselles will probably have to be repaired before proceeding.

A Devil's Doom.

WACO, Tex., April 18.—Information has been received to the effect that the man who raped a little girl near Whitney on the 10th and captured fifteen miles north of Waco Saturday, has not been turned over to the authorities. It is generally supposed Judge Lynch administered justice to him.

Chasing Moonshiners.

LOUISVILLE, April 18.—A posse of deputy marshals under the leadership of

STALWART STRIKERS.

A Short but Effective Glove Match in New York.

Cleary Knocks Out Sheriff in a Single Round.

The Prussian Matched to Knock Cleary Out in Four Rounds.

The Entire Time of the Bout, Only Half a Minute.

A Vicious Slugging Match at Columbus, Ohio.

Johnson and Lange the Combatants--The Police Interfere.

THE FISTIC FRATERNITY.

CLEARY VS. SHERIFF.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A glove fight took place between Mike Cleary and Wm. Sheriff, "the Prussian," at Germania assembly rooms. The conditions were that Sheriff was to receive the receipts of the house if he knocked his opponent out in four rounds. Cleary, however, knocked "the Prussian" out in the first round, which lasted 30 seconds.

JOHNSON VS. LANGE.

COLUMBUS, O., April 19.—A glove fight took place to-day, Queensbury rules, between McHenry Johnson of New York and Charles Lang of Cleveland, backed by Duncan C. Rees. One thousand people witnessed the contest. The first round was characterized by hard fighting; Lange was knocked down but came back in ten seconds when time was called. The second round was a dead slugging match, both being punished severely. The third was a duplicate of the second, except that Star knocked Lange clean off his feet, and some heavy half arm hitting closed the round. Both men came to the scratch for the fourth round well exhausted but game. Several passes had been made, Johnson decidedly getting the better of the contest, when the police jumped into the ring and called a halt. The fight was decided a draw by the referees. Old "sports" present pronounce it the most vicious slugging match they had ever witnessed.

THE DEAD AGITATOR.

The Memorial Services to Wendell Phillips an Unusual Occasion.

BOSTON, April 18.—The Wendell Phillips memorial services at Tremont temple this afternoon attracted a more notable attendance than any similar occasion in Boston. The demand for admission was many times the seating capacity of the hall. She assembly comprised many fellow-workers of the deceased orator, besides a distinguished gathering of ladies and gentlemen in sympathy with his philanthropic acts. Among those present were members of the city council, heads of the departments, several ex-mayors, Governor Robinson and staff, the governor's council, judges of the supreme and superior courts, municipal court, and various United States government officials and judges of the federal courts. The old abolition party was represented by Elmer Wright, L. M. Aldrich, Rev. A. A. Miner, Samuel Longfellow, T. W. Higginson, Abbey W. May, Rev. Jas. Freeman Clarke, Julia W. Howe, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, H. B. Blackwell, and J. G. Whittier. The other representative personages were Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Mrs. Jos. Coolidge, Philip Brooks, T. B. Aldrich, W. P. Howells, E. W. Whipple, Prest. Elliott, Jr., R. H. Dana, and Robt. J. Winthrop. The exercises began at 3 o'clock p. m. with an organ voluntary, followed by quartette, "Loyal to the End."

THE WOOL-GROWERS.

A Pennsylvania Gathering Denouncing Congress for Non-Legislation.

PITTSBURG, April 18.—The Pennsylvania Wool Growers' association to-day elected John McDowell, of Washington county, president. Resolutions were adopted demanding in the name of 74,000 wool-growers of Pennsylvania and a million wool-growers of the United States, the immediate restoration of the wool tariff of 1869, placing themselves not to support for public office any man voting against the restoration; setting forth that the present congress, by its failure to retain the duty on wool, has assumed the responsibility of perpetuating a wrong inaugurated by the preceding congress, and declaring that words are not strong enough to express their condemnation of the Morrison tariff bill. After the election of twenty-five delegates to the national convention, to be held in Chicago in May, and addresses made, adjourned sine die.

A Bond Thief Bagged.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Simon Popper, a member of the New York stock exchange, arrested here several days ago, and since secretly confined at police headquarters, was delivered to a New York officer, who started back with him. The case against him reported by the police is as follows: Jesse Morrell put into his hands for sale about \$30,000 in Oregon Navigation securities. Instead of disposing of them, it is alleged he absconded. A description of him received by the police here from New York led to his arrest. None of the bonds were recovered. He had \$1,000 in money in the bank.

Death of John Henry Blunt.

LONDON, April 18.—John Henry Blunt, the author of many volumes on foreign work and politics, is dead, aged 60 years.

Baby's Petition.

Life is restless, day is no sleeping. Children do not, but die is weeping. Wailing takes, all friends and mothers. Watch the precious girls and brothers. Read the Bible, life of Victoria. Children mine, all had CASTOR'S. Like babies, night, by baby weeping. Like babies, day, by baby weeping.

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BATTLE OF THE BUSHELS.

Another Lively Skirmish on Chicago 'Change Yesterday.

The Wheat and Corn Grains Developing Strength.

Oats Unable to Keep Up on Account of Large Receipts.

Wheat Buying Orders More Numerous Than Ever Known.

Pork Moderately Active, with Unimportant Fluctuations.

Cattle Fairly Active, with No Important Change to Quote.

CHICAGO'S MARKETS.

SURPRISING STRENGTH.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE. CHICAGO, April 18.—Wheat and corn developed surprising strength to-day. The temper of the crowd was bullish at the opening, and continued to grow more so as the day advanced. Various theories were urged as the moving cause, but it was contended that the country had turned bull and had flooded the room with orders to buy wheat, and corn responded from sympathy.

BUYING ORDERS.

were more numerous than has been known on the floor in many months. The wheat continues cold and disagreeable, retarding the seeding of spring wheat, and reports from winter wheat districts are not as encouraging as they have been. Receipts continue very small, only nine cars of wheat of all grades having been received during the past twenty-four hours. The speculative demand is active, and with an upward tendency, the shorts covered freely. The market opened 1/2 to 3/4 higher, eased off a trifle, then rallied to a point of 1 1/2 over the closing figures of yesterday, and closed firm; April closed at 86c, May at 87c, June at 89c, and July at 90c. On the afternoon call board sales were 1,700,000 bushels; May advanced 1/4; June 1/4; July 1/4; and August 1/4.

CORN.

Trading in corn was very active, and with a stronger feeling. Market advances were generally favorable, and the shorts showed an inclination to cover. The market opened higher, advanced 1/2 to 1 1/2 over, declined 1/2 but again rallied 1/2 to 3/4 and closed 2c higher; May and June 1 1/2 higher than yesterday. On call board sales were 1,375,000 bushels. May and June declining 1/4, and July declining 3/4.

OATS.

The oats market displayed some activity, but the tendency was weak owing to the heavy receipts, but on the whole prices were moderately well sustained under the influence of other markets. May closed at 32c, June at 32c to 32 1/2, and July at 32c. On call board sales were 63,600 bushels, July declining 1/4.

MESS PORK.

moderately active, with irregular prices. The market opened 10c to 15c lower, rallied 20c to 25c, receded 5c to 10c, and closed steady. May closed at \$18 1/2, June at \$16 1/2, and July at \$17 1/2. On call board sales were 2,250 bbls. June advancing 2c, and July declining 2 1/2.

LARD.

was moderately active and a shade higher. May closed at \$8 35 to \$8 37 1/2, June at \$8 45 to \$8 47 1/2, July at \$8 55 to \$8 57 1/2. On call board sales were 3,000 tons, July advancing 2c.

CATTLE.

Receipts 6,400 head; fairly active and steady and without important change. The market closed weak; 1,300 pound export grades, \$6.50 to \$6.75; good to choice shipping, 1,200 to 1,300 pounds, \$5.90 to \$6.30; common to medium, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, \$5.20 to \$5.80.

Mexican Stories.